

If we are serious about combating climate change, we must not only hold ourselves accountable for following our carbon-cutting commitments, but other countries as well. Peru, for example, has made protection of the Amazon rainforest the centerpiece of its proposed climate proposal.

When unsustainable logging practices contribute to 17 percent of total global carbon emissions annually, it is clear that progress cannot be made on this front and many others if we do not stand up and empower people in Peru and elsewhere who want to do the right thing and fight the illegal trade in timber. The administration has a perfect opportunity to show good faith by acting now.

HONORING CHEF TOM PRITCHARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. JOLLY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember a veteran, a legendary chef, and a man known as the godfather of the Tampa Bay hospitality industry.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend to so many in the Pinellas County and Tampa Bay community, Mr. Tom Pritchard, executive chef of the Bay Star Restaurant Group. Tom passed away this past week following surgery to ease the effects of Parkinson's disease. He was 74 years old.

Anyone who knew Tom will tell you that he was a storyteller who was larger than life. He had his own unique sense of style and had a way of making anyone he met feel like they had known each other for decades.

Born in Rochester, New York, Tom's first restaurant job came at the age of 14, when he started work shucking oysters for the legendary Guy Lombardo at his East Point House restaurant on Long Island.

After high school, Tom left home for college in Iowa before being drafted by the U.S. Army in 1964. Tom was stationed in Germany for several years before being honorably discharged in 1967.

After serving his country, Tom continued to spend time abroad, living in London, Mexico, Morocco, Scotland, and owning restaurants in France and Spain. Eventually, he moved to Florida, and in the 1990s he partnered with Frank Chivas, a seafood broker who would become a dear and lasting friend of Tom's. The two would open Salt Rock Grill in Indian Shores. Under Tom's guidance and tutelage, Salt Rock's kitchen became a training ground for up-and-coming chefs.

Always quick to help others and share recipes, and with his inventive approach to cooking, Tom became a Florida food legend. One longtime food critic wrote of Tom's generosity: "Mentor" is too trite a word for what Tom Pritchard did for literally hundreds of people, young and old, in the kitchen."

Tom would go on to oversee the kitchens at Island Way Grill and

Rumba Island Bar and Grill in Clearwater and Marlin Darlin in Belleair Bluffs—along the way, always helping others. You see, it was Tom's generosity outside the kitchen that defined the man he was.

As one director of a Florida charity wrote this week, Tom set the platinum standard for community support, underwriting substantial food and labor costs annually at benefits for numerous nonprofit organizations, like the Abilities Foundation, Clearwater for Youth, and the Ryan Wells Foundation.

The Abilities Foundation alone raised \$3.7 million from 25 years of wine and food tastings thanks to the help of Tom Pritchard and Frank Chivas. Tom and Frank's mere presence at a fundraiser influenced the participation of countless sponsors and attendees.

Tom was always quick to lend his time and talents to benefit programs that helped disabled and other individuals find jobs and live independently. Mr. Speaker, let it be known to all that Tom Pritchard gave more than he took.

Tom was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Alden Pritchard, Sr.; mother, Ruth McCarthy Pritchard; brother, Jeffery Lloyd; and son, Adam D. Ostfeld, who also served his country in the Armed Forces. He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Jody D. Hale; her husband, Daniel Hale; sisters, Cynthia A. Tischer, Laurie N. Pritchard; and brother, John C. Pritchard.

Mr. Speaker, the Pinellas County community, the Tampa Bay community, and our culinary and charitable communities throughout Florida lost a treasure with the passing of chef Tom Pritchard.

I urge my colleagues to join me in remembering his contributions and his legacy of helping others and serving our Nation.

HONORING WENDELL PHILLIPS ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute the remarkable young men of Chicago's Wendell Phillips Academy High School football program, their parents, administrators, coaches, and teachers.

Last Friday, in a stunning 51-7 win against Belleville's Althoff High School, the Wildcats won the 4A title for Public League's first football State crown since the playoffs began in 1974, completing an amazing 13-0 season. The 51 points scored by Phillips set a State title game record.

The game featured record-shattering performances by a host of Wildcat players, including senior quarterback Quayvon Skanes, who rushed for 141 yards and four touchdowns on 13 car-

ries, passed for an additional 44 yards and another touchdown—just to prove that he could throw the ball. Quayvon is headed to the University of Connecticut next year.

Other thrilling performances included Kamari Mosby, who ran for 151 yards and a score; Qadeer Weatherly, who pulled in Quayvon's pass for a 36-yard touchdown; Amir Watts, who returned an Althoff fumble for a 19-yard score; and a 21-yard field goal by Isaac Osei to demonstrate the Wildcats' comprehensive offense.

The Phillips football program, the second largest in the Chicago Public Schools, is a study of the potential and the problems of urban education. With more than 90 student athletes, the varsity team is led by 19 seniors, all of whom are on track to graduate.

In an after-game interview with the Chicago Tribune, Phillips' Coach Troy McAllister noted: "When we go to practice, we go with footballs. There are no sleds, no chutes, no kicking nets, nothing like that. It goes to what our coaches have done and what these young men can do.

"We have five stipends for coaches. Everywhere else it is 10 to 14. That makes a huge difference, but these young men have bought into what we are trying to accomplish, and they have done something that nobody else has done."

These young men are not just athletes. They are also proud scholars and are members of a school which last year saw 100 percent of its seniors accepted to college, with more than \$5 million in scholarships.

In his after-game interview, Principal Matt Sullivan summed it all up. He said: "It is fantastic. We want to be the beacon, the shining beacon in the Bronzeville community."

Mr. Speaker, all of Chicago is thrilled and delighted by the performance of this team. I offer my congratulations to their parents, administrators, coaches, and teachers for going above and beyond the call of duty. I extend my congratulations to each and every one of those young men and wish for them continued success in everything they set out to do in the years to come.

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REAFFIRMING STATES' RIGHTS TO IMPOSE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST IRAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I introduced H. Con. Res. 100, a bipartisan resolution that reaffirms the rights of the 50 States to maintain economic sanctions against Iran.

The Iran Sanctions Act of 2010 encourages and authorizes States to maintain such sanctions, which play a powerful role in preventing U.S. dollars from funding Iran's illicit activity, including its support for terrorism,

human rights violations, and imprisonment of innocent Americans.

Thirty States, to date, Mr. Speaker, have imposed sanctions against Iran. Both Democrats and Republicans have worked at the State and local level to enact laws to ensure that State assets are not invested in and State contracts are not awarded to companies that do business with Iran.

As long as Iran continues its outrageous activity abroad, it is our right and it is our duty to make sure that we are not complicit in funding its terrorism, its human rights abuses, and its other activity that is contrary to the U.S. national interests and global stability.

Now, there is some ambiguity and some confusion about State sanctions that are authorized under the so-called Iran deal of this year. This legislation clarifies, it puts an exclamation point, and it reaffirms the legal right of States to maintain these sanctions as enacted into law under the 2010 statute until Iran ends its support of terrorism and reverses its abhorrent human rights violations.

Please join my colleagues Representative TED DEUTCH of Florida, Representative DAN LIPINSKI of Illinois, Representative MIKE POMPEO of Kansas, Representative BRAD SHERMAN of California, and Representative LEE ZELDIN of New York, along with me, in this effort to ensure that the right of States to maintain these important sanctions against Iran prevails.

We can ensure that States have this right and this authority from preventing their resources from funding Iranian terrorism and human rights abuses.

END HUNGER NOW—MONTE'S MARCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the pleasure of taking part in Monte's March, an annual hunger walk in western Massachusetts. The march started in 2010 and is named after its founder, Monte Belmonte, a local activist and WRSI The River radio host in Northampton.

Over the course of 2 days, we walked 43 miles across western Massachusetts, from Springfield to Northampton to Greenfield, to raise awareness about the very real problem of hunger in our communities and help families in need this holiday season.

We had a great group walking with us this year, led by Monte, and including Andrew Morehouse, the executive director of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, University of Massachusetts Amherst Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy, Northwestern District Attorney David Sullivan, and a host of other local officials and community members.

I want to say a special thanks to my colleagues Congressmen RICHIE NEAL

and JOE KENNEDY for joining us along the way and helping to support those in need.

Also joining us on that march were Sean Barry of Four Seasons Liquor in Hadley, Erika Cooper of Tea Guys in Whately, Ben Clark of Clarkdale Fruit Farm in Deerfield, Natalie Blais of UMass Amherst, Steve Fendel from Gill, Marty Dagoberto, Dan Finn from Pioneer Valley Local First, Chia Collins from Northampton, Kristen Elechko, Georgian and Rick Kristek, and many, many, many more.

This year's walk was extra special for me because my son, Patrick, walked the entire route with us both days.

Mr. Speaker, every day, 48 million Americans struggle with hunger, including 15.3 million children. We live in the richest country on Earth and have greater access to food than any previous generation, so the fact that hunger continues to be so widespread in America is absolutely stunning.

Monte's March was started in 2010 to do something about it. This year's walk was the longest and biggest effort yet.

Bright and early last Monday morning, our group of walkers began our march in the Mason Square neighborhood of Springfield. The Mason Square neighborhood is one of those communities in western Massachusetts most in need, with so many families living in poverty and facing food hardship. In fact, childhood poverty rates have been as high as 59 percent in this area alone.

For these families, overcoming hunger is especially challenging because the neighborhood is a "food desert," an area where affordable and healthy food, like fresh fruits and vegetables, are hard to come by. With no full-line supermarket within walking distance for residents to purchase food at affordable prices, we wanted to make sure that the Mason Square neighborhood was front and center in this year's march.

It also gave us the opportunity to thank the Mason Square Health Task Force for their tireless efforts to address hunger and to show our deep appreciation to local feeding programs like St. John's Congregation Church.

We then marched through Springfield, Chicopee, and Holyoke before finishing day one in Northampton. Seventeen miles were behind us, with day two still to go.

We started on Tuesday morning walking through Northampton, then Hadley, and then Amherst, where we stopped at the Amherst Survival Center.

The Amherst Survival Center is an amazing place. Since 1976, they have welcomed everyone who has come through their doors with open arms and a kind word. They help those who are struggling to meet their basic needs. All of their services are free. They run a food pantry, community meal program, drop-in health clinic, job-readiness workshops and job fairs, and a host of other important programs.

After our brief visit, it was back to the pavement, through Sunderland and Deerfield, before finally ending in Greenfield.

We walked a total of 26 miles on day two. Along the way, we felt the incredible support of the western Massachusetts community. People stopped us along the way to add canned food and other donations to our shopping cart. They came out of their homes and their businesses and schools, or they stopped their cars along the side of the road to offer words of encouragement.

Along the way, we helped raise more than \$150,000 for The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, which distributes hundreds of thousands of pounds of food throughout the emergency feeding network in the region.

Mr. Speaker, by the end, we were sore and tired, but we were exhilarated by people's generosity and support. When you add it all up, the outpouring of donations and support from our community will help provide more than 450,000 meals to families in need.

The good news is that hunger is a solvable problem. We just need to muster the political will to help more communities like these in Massachusetts and across the country.

There is not a single congressional district in the United States where hunger isn't an issue affecting the daily lives of kids, families, seniors, or veterans. We all have a stake in this, and with strong grassroots support from communities in all 50 States, just like the ones we visited over 2 days, we have the power to make a real difference and help the 48 million Americans struggling with hunger.

Mr. Speaker, during this holiday season, I urge my colleagues and all Americans to remember those who are struggling with hunger. They are our neighbors or colleagues and our friends.

I want to thank everyone who supported this year's Monte's March and especially want to thank the incredible community partners on the ground for their tireless efforts day in and day out. You inspire us, and we thank you for your service.

FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. CURBELO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act, or FAST Act. This critical legislation will provide 5 years of fully paid-for transportation projects across the Nation to repair our aging infrastructure.

The FAST Act makes important reforms to highway and vehicle safety and expands public transportation to make Federal investment more cost-effective. It also expands funding available for bridges and roads.

And, most importantly, Mr. Speaker, this bill was done through the regular order process, with transparent amendments considered and all Members having their say.